

REMARKS

Claim 7 has been cancelled. Thus, Claims 1-6 and 8-15 are currently pending in the present application.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-6, 8-9 and 13-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Botti et al.* (US 5,621,357). Applicants respectfully traverse such rejection insofar as it might apply to the claims as amended herein.

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 7 and 10-12 would be allowable if they were rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Because the contents of Claim 7 have been incorporated in Claim 1, the § 102 rejection is believed to be overcome.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-6 and 8-15 are currently pending in the present application. For the reasons stated above, Applicants believe that independent Claim 1 along with its dependent claims are in condition for allowance. The remaining prior art cited by the Examiner but not relied upon has been reviewed and is not believed to show or suggest the claimed invention.

No fee or extension of time is believed to be necessary; however, in the event that any addition fee or extension of time is required for the prosecution of the present application, please charge it against IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0456.

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